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Public Health

Supply of drinking water in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks.

* 1478 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of water scarcity in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks ;

(*b*) how many wells for drinking water have been dug by the Government in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks and whether any underground water survey has been carried out in the said taluks ;

(*c*) what are the present sources of supply for drinking water in the taluks of Namakkal and Tiruchengode ; and

(*d*) what is the present level of water in the drinking water tank at Namakkal and whether the Government have ascertained the period for which the present level of water would be sufficient ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have made annually recurring grants to the Salem District Board varying from Rs. 22,921 to 41,229 for purposes of rural water-supply.

(*b*) Government have not employed any direct agency for the digging of wells : as stated in (*a*) above they have given grants to the district board for the purpose. No underground water survey has been made.

(*c*) Wells and tanks.

(*d*) The Government have no information.

Agriculture

Use of chemical manures in demonstration farms.

*1479 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether chemical manures have been used in the several demonstration farms ;

(*b*) if so, with what results ;

(*c*) whether they have been found useful or injurious ;

(*d*) whether yearly reports about the success achieved or failure observed in the several Government farms using those manures are being received and published ; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to publish them for the information of the public ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is proposed to publish, in the near future, the results so far obtained in the form of a bulletin or as a series of bulletins.

(*d*) Yes. They are not published for sale but copies are placed in the Legislative Council Library

(*e*) The annual reports submitted by the subordinate officers of the agricultural department which contain the final results of the experiments and information on the lines of work being followed and which have not been made public hitherto will in future be made available to the public.